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The Honorable Kay Granger Chairwoman Committee on Appropriations H-305, the Capitol Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations 1036 Longworth HOB Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Advanced Policing Operations and Technologies project at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Fiscal Year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the University of Mississippi Medical Center located at 2500 North State Street, Jackson, Mississippi, 39216. The funding would be used for mobile data terminals and in-car cameras, K9 units and K9 training, and a modernized records management system. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the University of Mississippi Medical Center is a crucial asset to the City of Jackson, and as many as 24,000 employees, students, and patients come and go from campus daily. Increased crime and threats specific to academic and healthcare facilities create an urgency around safety and security, and this project would bring three additional resources to UMMC that would help mitigate many of the most critical gaps identified at present.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in section 501 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10152).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Michael Guest

Member of Congress